QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Development of Government Electric Factory, Bangalore.

*Q.—53. Sri R. M. PATIL (Navalgund).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the terms of agreement in respect of the development of Government Electric Factory, Bangalore;

(b) the name of the company which has been accepted for technical advice;

(c) whether they are of the opinion that the terms of agreement are beneficial to the State Government;

(d) whether they consulted any industrial expert before arriving at the agreement ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(a) The Agreement envisages technical collaboration of A.E.G. with the Government Electric Factory for the manufacture of Motors and Switchgears in addition to transformers on payment of certain fees and royalties, the agreement being current for a period of 10 years.

(b) A.E.G. of West Germany.

(c) Yes.

(d) Since the agreement was processed at different levels like that of the Director in charge of Government Electric Factory, the Sub Committee of the Board of Management for Industrial Concerns and finally at the Board of Management for Industrial Concerns also, it has been considered that adequate consultations with industrial experts have been made.

Construction of Urdigere tank in Tumkur Taluk

*Q.—106. Sri K. L. NARASIMHAIAH (Hebbur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of Urdigere tank in Tumkur Taluk was sanctioned and tender was called for;

(b) whether it is a fact that tender was not accepted and tender earnest money deposit was refunded;

(c) whether it is a fact that the estimate for the said tank was modified to make provision for a new item of work;

(d) if so, when this will be sanctioned ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) Yes.

(b Yes.

(c) Yes; it is being revised to provide for some more essential items of work.

d) It is under scrutiny and will be considered for sanction as soon as the scrutiny is completed.

Loans to Organisations, etc., to eradicate Untouchability.

*Q.—281. Sri B. RACHAIAH (Chamarajanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the names of voluntary agencies or organisations or press to which subventions and loans have been sanctioned for propaganda work to eradicate untouchability out of the amelioration funds for the last one and a half years ?

A.—Sri N. RACHAIAH (Minister for Agriculture, Excise and Social Welfare).—

Government have not sanctioned any financial aid to any voluntary agencies for propaganda work to eradicate untouchability, during the last one and half years. However the following aid was sanctioned to the Weekly magazine 'Panchajanya':

(i) Rs. 5,000 as grant.

(ii) Rs. 5,000 as interest-free Loan.